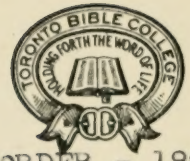

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Progress and Blessing.

With thankful hearts we record another year of progress and blessing in the Bible Training School. The reports presented in the present issue of the RECORDER show that the eleventh session has been one of growth and prosperity. The total enrolment of students has been the largest in our history, the great purpose of the School has been steadily and definitely pursued, and a goodly number of consecrated young men and women have gone forth to labor for Christ at home and abroad. To Him who has guided and blessed our institution in the past, we again commend it for the days to come.

Eleventh Annual Meeting.

The Eleventh Session of the Toronto Bible Training School closed on Friday, April 28th, 1905. In the afternoon of that day the Annual Meeting of the united Board of Incorporation and General Council was held, when the reports for the year were presented, and the work of the School received careful consideration. There was a good attendance of members, who manifested much interest in the growth and prosperity of the institution. At the close of the meeting, on the kind invitation of the President, the members present, with two other friends practically interested in the work of the School, had tea together in the library.

At the evening meeting the graduating exercises brought together one of the largest audiences ever gathered in the Assembly Hall. Devotional services were conducted by Dr. Hooper and Rev. T. B. Hyde, both of this city. President Harris gave a brief outline of the work of the session, referring particularly to the large numbers who are again going forth to the home and foreign fields and to the increased attendance of young men and young women in the Day Classes. Appropriate addresses were given by four of the graduating students. Mr. E. Higgins spoke on "Christ Knocking," at the door of the Christian and of the lukewarm church. Miss Lila Russell enlarged on a "Passion for Souls" as an essential pre-requisite for Christian service, and Mr. R. A. Walmsley urged the vital importance of "Preaching the Word." An appropriate valedictory address was also delivered by Rev. George Orman. Diplomas were then presented to the following thirteen students who have completed the course of study prescribed for the Day Classes, and have passed satisfactory examinations thereon: Messrs. Edward C. Austin, Herbert Stanley Bennett, Elijah Higgins, Kenneth F. McKenzie Thomas G. Murphy, Rev. George Orman, Horace Greeley Smith, Francis Graham Stotesbury, Robert Alfred Walmsley; also Misses Lila Russell, Mary Stewart, Louisa Maud Warren and Jennie Beatrice Wilkins. Certificates were also given to the following students who have satisfactorily completed the course of study in the Evening Classes: Miss Mary Ortency Burleigh; Messrs. Walter William Donnoly, William Fred Moule and Robert Simpson. A special Testimonial was also given to Mr. John A. Stevens for new subjects in post-graduate work. The Principal, Dr. Stewart, thereupon addressed the graduates in a few parting words, in which he charged them in their future ministry, whether at home or abroad, to remember and seek to follow the Divine order of all efficient Christian service: "Prayer, Power, Preaching." The closing address of this excellent meeting was given by Mr. W. R. Newell, of Chicago, who spoke with convincing power on the "Inspiration of the Scriptures."

Report of the Principal

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF INCORPORATION, AND GENERAL COUNCIL, APRIL 28, 1905.

By the good hand of our God upon us the eleventh session of the Toronto Bible Training School has come to a close. The year has again been one of advancement and blessing in the chief departments of the work. Indeed the history of the Institution from its beginning until now has proved it to be a tree of the Lord's own planting. According to His word of sure promise, He has kept it and watered it, so that it has grown to goodly proportions, and brought forth fruit to His name.

During the session there has again been an increase in the enrolment of the Students over previous years. In the Day Classes the number has been sixty-eight, and in the Evening Classes two hundred and fifty-four. In the Day Classes there have been 37 young men, of whom 5 were sent by the Provincial Committee of the Young Men's Christain Association, and 31 young women; and in the Evening classes the enrolment has been 81 young men and 173 young women. In attendance on some of the regular courses of

study there have also been former gradates and occasional students and visitors. During parts of the session there was more sickness among the students than usual, and this somewhat interfered with regularity in attendance. In other respects, however, the work of the classes has gone forward with much encouragement and success, and a spirit of earnest devotion to study has been very generally manifested.

THE DAY CLASSES.

The regular lecturers in the Day Classes have again been Dr. Harris, Mr. McNicol, and myself. Dr. Harris has given two courses of expository lectures each week, one on the book of Deuteronomy, and the other on the First and Second Epistles to the Thessalonians. My own subjects have been as follows :—Bible Doctrines, with the Word of God as our only text book ; the Pastoral Epistles ; the ministry of the Apostle Paul ; and Bible Readings. I have also had charge of the essays of the students and the exercises in public speaking. Mr. McNicol's subjects have been :— Outline Studies of the Books of the Old Testament ; Studies in the Gospels ; Inspiration of the Scriptures ; and Lands of the Bible. He has also conducted the early morning classes in English Grammar and Composition, and in New Testament Greek. In his report of the session's work Mr. McNicol says :—

"In all my classes without exception the students did faithful work and made very satisfactory progress. Their eager desire to know the Word of God, and whatever is connected with it, makes teaching a delight."

VISITING LECTURERS.

The introductory lecture of the session was delivered by our friend, Rev. H. W. Frost of Philadelphia, who gave a helpful and appropriate address on the "Inspiration of the Scriptures." Very valuable courses of instruction were also given by Rev. T. C. Des Barres, who presented to the students a most able and impressive exposition of the Epistle to the Hebrews ; by Rev. Dr. Mackay, who gave a series of interesting and instructive addresses on "Mission Work in India ;" and by Rev. R. J. Treleaven, of Parkdale Methodist Church, who discussed "Methods of Evangelistic Work," with great fervency and effect. Our best thanks are due to these friends for their valued services so freely and cheerfully given to the School.

OTHER VISITORS.

From time to time the School has received visits from other eminent servants of Christ. Prominent among these was Dr. H. Grattan Guinness, the founder of Harley College, an institution similar to our own. His lectures in the School were such as could only be given by one so noted as a Bible Student, and so distinguished for the service he has long rendered in preparing laborers for the regions beyond. Two instructive lectures have been given to the Mission Study Class by Rev. J. G. Brown, returned missionary from India ; while Mrs. Mills from China, and Mrs. McGill, Liberia, have also given helpful addresses to the students. The visits and services of all these friends were much appreciated.

THE EVENING CLASSES.

These Classes have been held on four evenings of each week. On Tuesday and Thursday the regular course of study has been pursued. Dr. Harris has given lectures on the same subjects as in the Day Classes ; Mr. McNicol has given instruction in the Teachings of our Lord, and I have conducted the studies in Bible Doctrines. Special Classes have also been held on Monday and Friday evenings, on the former of which Mr. McNicol has given instruction in Homiletics to the young men of the Day Classes together with some others ; and on the latter to a well-attended class of Sunday School teachers, giving an exposition of the lesson. The work on both these evenings has been maintained with much interest.

MEDICAL CLASSES.

During the session medical classes were again conducted by three of the doctors who have given us faithful and efficient service in the past. Dr. Bowie gave lectures on the Practice of Medicine,

"dealing specially with the important subjects of Emergencies." During the first half of the session Dr. Hooper had a class of lady students to whom he gave instruction on "Obstetrics" and the nursing of women; while Dr. Howitt commenced in January his course on "Tropical Diseases." A new member of the medical staff is Dr. Allan Shore, who very kindly took the place of Dr. Porter, absent from the city for the winter, and lectured on the foundation Studies of Anatomy and Physiology. These medical gentlemen have rendered excellent service especially to the students preparing for the foreign field, and they deserve the best thanks of the Board and all the friends of the School for their generous and valuable help.

VOCAL MUSIC CLASS.

The efficient services of Mr. A.T. Cringan were again secured to conduct a class once a week during the session in the theory and practice of singing. The class was a real benefit to those who attended it, and the instruction received cannot fail to be of much help to many of the students in leading the service of song in their future ministry. It should be added that the cost of conducting this class has again been kindly provided for by our President. Dr. Harris.

EXAMINATIONS.

Written examinations have again been held twice during the session in all the courses of Bible study pursued by the Day and Evening Classes. The minimum standard for each paper is fifty per cent., but more than half the students obtained seventy-five per cent. and upwards, while in the Day Classes fully one-third obtained ninety per cent. or over on several of the subjects. Very few failed to reach the required standard, so that the examinations as a whole have been quite satisfactory. The only regret is that a larger number of the Evening Class students do not submit to this test. One set of papers from the recent examination was read by our friend, Rev. Dr. Parsons, who reports about them as follows:

"I have had the privilege of examining the papers of the students of the first year in their course of study in the Gospels, and I am greatly impressed with the evidence shown of their proficiency. The knowledge of the Scriptures studied is definite in clearness of expression, and the system pursued by their Instructor is most effective in giving an intelligent understanding and personal experience of the truths of the Text."

A set of papers written recently by the students of the second year was examined by Rev. Dr. Welton, another of our examiners, who gives the following estimate regarding them:

"I have examined carefully the papers which were submitted to me, and am happy to say that they give ample evidence of the excellent work that is being done by the School, and by each individual student. Nearly all show a remarkably clear comprehension of the subjects upon which they have written."

PRACTICAL WORK.

The students have done a very large amount of evangelistic and city mission work in the city and neighborhood. At beginning of the session they formed themselves into an evangelistic band, which conducted services in churches and mission halls nearly every Lord's day. Most of these were largely attended, and not a few persons professed to receive spiritual benefit from the meetings. Some places outside the city have also been supplied with preaching by our young men. The young women have also been active and useful in several of the missions in the city, in household visitation, in Sunday School teaching, and Young People's services. In these different ways much direct good has been accomplished, while the students themselves have received a valuable training for future service.

DEVOTIONAL AND MISSIONARY SPIRIT.

The culture of the spiritual life of the students has been one of the chief aims of the School since its organization. Every Tuesday forenoon a devotional service has been held with much interest and profit. Many of our students in different parts of the world unite with us in prayer on that day for special blessing on the work of the School, and on all who have gone forth from its classes to

labor for the Lord. An early Thursday morning missionary prayer-meeting has also been maintained with a good attendence, especially of Student Volunteers. Of these there have been fully one-fourth in the Day Classes this session, who have expressed a definite desire for service in the foreign field, should God in His providence open up the way. They have also formed a class for missionary study, which has been conducted with much interest, and has proved to be very helpful. The maintenance of this strong missionary and devotional spirit in the School is a reason for much thankfulness.

LABORERS SENT FORTH.

Since last annual meeting, in addition to our three East Indian students, who returned last May to missionary service in India, five others have left Canada for work in foreign fields. These are Miss Naylor and Miss Brooking, who went to China; Miss Barbara Mould, who has become a worker in the Industrial Evangelical Mission of Northern India; and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Boyne, who have gone to the district of Allahalead in North-Western India. In addition to these about twenty of our young men have lately gone, or are just going, to destitute fields in various parts of the Dominion under the different Home Mission Boards.

DEATHS.

During the year the School has lost by death some of its best friends. The first of these was Mrs. John Harris of Brantford, a noble Christian woman, who aided many good causes, and was a liberal supporter of the School from its beginning. Another was Mr. R. S. Schell, also of Brantford, a member of our General Council, and much interested in Bible study. Two of our most promising students also rest from their labors. One of them was Mr. J. K. McCormick, of Bervie, Ont., a fine Bible scholar and consecrated Christian worker, who died just as he was ready to go out to India. The other was Mr. Edwin Ratcliffe, of East Toronto, a noble young man, who was suddenly called away from earth, in the midst of earnest preparation for missionary work in China. Our prayer is, that God may graciously comfort the mourners, and raise up others like-minded to take the places of those who have gone before.

CONCLUDING REMARKS.

It would not be right to close this report without referring to the brotherly love which has prevailed in every department of the work. This is noteworthy, seeing that the School has always been strictly inter-denominational in its lecturers and also in its student body. In the harmonious meetings of the Board of Incorporation, in the unity of spirit and purpose which has inspired the officers and instructors, and in the real Christian fellowship which has been maintained among the students, there has been continuous and abundant cause for gratitude. Consecrated young men and women from ten different evangelical denominations have come to our classes, and their devotion to study and zeal in Christian service have been in every way commendable. Surely there can be no grander work than that of training these young minds in the knowledge of God's Word and the ability to use it in Christ's cause; so that in the power of the Spirit they may go forth from the School, as scores have already done, to fields of labor at home and abroad and seek to win souls for the Saviour.

In my last annual report I referred to the possibility that I might soon be laid aside from the service of the School. During the session my health, by the blessing of God, has continued to be fairly good. But I have felt at times as if the burdens and responsibilities of my position were becoming too much for me; and I think it might be best, both for the School and myself, if, during the coming session I could be relieved of some, or if thought desirable, of all my duties. May the Board and myself be divinely directed in this important matter. Surely we may feel confident that He who has so graciously guided and blessed the Toronto Bible Training School in the past will still give the wisdom that is profitable to direct, and provide both the man and the means for all the service He requires at our hands. So to Him we again commend our beloved institution, with the prayer that its fruits may go on ripening and gathering until the great harvest day.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM STEWART.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, April 29th, 1904	$6 78	
Gifts	3,339 00	
Incidental Fees	434 50	
Residence and Hall	280 00	
Collections	46 20	
		$4,106 48

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Principal, Instructor and Ass't Sec.	$2 860 00	
" Ground Rent	280 00	
" Caretaker	196 00	
" Coal	287 60	
" Light and Water	56 64	
" Telephone	45 00	
" Printing Catalogue, RECORDERS, etc., and Advertising	91 50	
" Postage	31 85	
" Repairs	92 92	
" Insurance (3 years)	77 40	
" Taxes	55 91	
" Sundries	8 63	
		$4,083 45
Balance on hand, April 28, 1905		$23 03

It was reported that the number of contributors had increased during the year. Several members of the Board expressed their gratification at the Report, which was unanimously adopted with thanks to the Treasurer for his faithful services.

Students in Day Classes, Session 1904-05.

Miss E. M. Archibald, Toronto
Miss E. Arnold, Toronto.
Edward C. Austin, Toronto.
Miss Annie Bartlett, Owen Sound.
Colan Barton, Toronto.
Herbert S Bennett, Pickering.
T. J. E. Black, Orangeville.
J. E. Cairns, Berlin.
Louis Chinal, Detroit, Mich.
E. J. B. Chisholm, St. Thomas.
L. W. Collins, Toronto.
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A. Fraser, Toronto.
Miss L. Galt, Toronto.
Miss Galt, Toronto.
Miss Gibillan, Bowmanville.
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Miss M Lesslie, Toronto.
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Miss M. Marr, Buffalo, N.Y.
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T. G. Murphy, Oxford Mills.
Miss M. North, Toronto.
Rev. George Orman, Toronto.
Miss A. Perry, Maynooth.
A. F. Piercy, Atwood.
I. J. Ransom, Abilene, Kan.
Mrs. A. L. Ritts, Warren, Pa.
W. E. Robertson, M.D., Milton
Miss M. A. E. Rogers, Toronto.
Miss N. Rupert, Belleville.
Miss L. Russell, Toronto.
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A. G. C. Simpson, Whitechurch.
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Miss. F. B. Standen, Minesing.
John Stevens, Greenock.
Miss M. Stewart, Toronto.
F. G. Stotesbury, Toronto.
Mrs. Sullivan, Toronto.
J. S. Teet, Galt.
Miss M. Thompson, Toronto.
J. C. Trogler, Mercersburg, Pa.
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R. A. Walmsley, Liverpool, Eng.
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Mrs. Webster, Montreal.
Miss E. M. Wilkins, Toronto.
Miss J. B. Wilkins, Toronto.
Rev. I. F. Williams, Toronto.
A. Wrenshall, Ravenna.

Graduates.

The following students, having pursued the two years' course of study, and passed satisfactory examinations thereon, received the Diploma of the School at the close of last session:

Edward C. Austin.
Herbert S. Bennett.
E. Higgins.
Kenneth F. McKenzie
Thos. G. Murphy
Rev. Geo. Orman.
Miss Lila Russell.
Horace G. Smith
Miss Mary Stewart
F. G. Stokesbury
R. A. Walmsley
Miss L. M. Warren
Miss J. B. Wilkins

The following post-graduate student, having passed an examination in new studies during his third session, received a special Testimonial: John A. Stevens.

Students in Evening Classes.

The following is a list of Students in the Evening Classes who have passed one or more of the written examinations. The total enrolment of all the Evening Students was 254.

Miss H. I. Allum.
Miss A. Ament.
Miss E. Anthony.
Miss C. Baker.
Miss M. Baker.
A. Bell.
Miss I. K. Bowman.
Miss L. E. Brown.
Miss J. Burleigh.
Miss M. O. Burleigh.
Miss M. Burt.
Miss A. Carmichael.
Miss M. Church.
W. W. Donnolly
Miss F. Fee.
E. S. Fish.
Miss E. Gray.
W. G. Hamilton.
Miss A. E. Heburn.
F. F. Haynes.
Miss M. Imrie.
Miss M. Jennings.
Miss C. B. Kelsall.
Miss M. Kenyan.
R. D. Lees.
Miss M. Lockhart.
E. C. Luce.
Miss M. McCauley
Miss A. McFleggan.
F. W. Moule.
Miss E. Moull.
A. T. Nash.
S. C. Oke.
E. B. Palmer
W. Patterson.
A. L. Ritts.
Miss A. Rossiter.
Miss A. Russell.
Miss E. Schofield.
R. Simpson.
Miss T. G. Sleep
F. Stanley
Miss Georgie Smith.
Miss E. St. John
J. J. Taylor
Miss E. Tyler.
A. J. Wallace.
F. Westlake.
Miss C. Widdifield.
H. N. Smith.
Miss A. Watson.

A minimum of fifty per cent. is required to pass the examinations. It has been decided that, should any of the Evening Class students desire to take a fuller course of study in the Day Classes, the examinations they have already passed will count so much towards obtaining the regular Diploma of the School. In general it may be stated that three sessions in the Evening Classes will be regarded as equivalent to one whole session in the Day Classes.

Evening Class Graduates.

The following Students having pursued the three years' course of study, and passed satisfactory examinations thereon, received the certificate of the School last Session:

Miss M. O. Burleigh.
W. W. Donnolly.
Wm. F. Moule.
Robert Simpson.

From Former Students.

A student who finished the course of studies in the Evening Classes last session, has written to the Principal as follows:

"I desire to thank Dr. Harris, Mr. McNicol, and yourself for the great help I have received within the walls of the Bible Training School, whose memory I shall always hold dear. My prayer is, that my life may be more fully conformed to the precious truth I have been taught with you, and that I may now be enabled to teach and help others."

Another student, in sending a recommendation with one of his scholars for admission to the School, says:

"I do trust that his stay will be as pleasant and profitable as mine was, and that the studies will be for the deepening of his spiritual life. My earnest prayer for all in connection with such a glorious institution, is that the blessing of God may continually rest upon it, and that all who go out to engage in service for Christ, may be equipped for the great work of winning souls and strengthening their brethren."

Notes.

THE next session of the Bible Training School will open (D.V.) on Tuesday, September 19th, 1905, at 10 a.m.

ALL students, especially those who are entering the School for the first time, should be on hand at the beginning of the new session.

MESSRS. H. G. SMITH, I. J. Ransom, and A. F. Piercy are engaged for the summer in colportage and evangelistic work for the Upper Canada Tract Society

MR. B. C. SIRCAR, one of the three students from Burma, who graduated last year, has become Secretary of the College branch of the Y.M.C.A., Calcutta, India.

MR. L. W. COLLINS, one of our students, now of Carnegie, Pa., has recently published a neat, instructive, and scriptural little pamphlet, entitled, "Christ is All and in All."

SINCE the first of May, as many as sixteen of our young men have been appointed to fields of labor in destitute parts of the Dominion under the Home Mission boards of the different churches.

THE marriage of Mr. W. J. Hanna to Miss Roxie H. Wood, took place a few months ago at Yun-nan Fu, China. Both are esteemed graduates of the School, and devoted workers in the China Inland Mission.

THE Toronto Bible Training School has always been a strictly missionary and inter-denominational College. This last session ten different Churches have been represented in its faculty and student body.

AT the beginning of the new session in September. a supplemental examination will be held for those students who were unable to take the recent examinations. All intending to write should make their purpose known to the Principal.

THE Students' Public Meeting held on March 9th was well attended and quite successful in its exercises. In the absence of the President, our Vice-President Rev. Dr. Mackay, took the chair, and addresses on helpful Bible themes were given by Misses Kenyon, Marr, Wilkins, and Messrs. Smith, Stotesbury. and Wrenshall.

WE are glad to announce to friends in the city, that several of our students who are remaining in Toronto during the summer months, have arranged to hold a prayer meeting in the library of the Bible Training School every Tuesday evening.

TWO or three ladies, who have taken the full course of Bible study with us, are ready to engage in service as Bible women, pastor's assistants, or Sunday School missionaries. Any friends desiring such helpers should correspond with Dr. Stewart.

MISS M. HOWDEN, of Hamilton, a student of the session just closed, has been appointed Bible Woman and Sunday School Missionary in connection with the Eastern Avenue Mission of this city. We wish her much blessing in this important work.

THE new Catalogue and Announcement of the School will be published early in July, giving full particulars about Instructors, Lecturers and Courses of Study for next session. Copies may be obtained on application to the Principal, Dr. Stewart, or to Miss A. Burns, the Assistant Secretary, 110 College St., Toronto.

Receipts for General Fund.

The following donations have been received from Feb. 14th, 1905, to April 28th, 1905:

No. 99	$5 00	No. 129	2 00
" 100	5 00	" 130	15 00
" 101	25 00	" 131	1 00
" 102	10 00	" 132	2 00
" 103	5 00	" 133	2 00
" 104	1 00	" 134	25 00
" 105	25 00	" 135	25 00
" 106	20 00	" 136	5 00
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" 123	10 00	" 153	5 00
" 124	25 00	" 154	10 00
" 125	20 00	" 155	150 00
" 126	50 00	" 156	50 00
" 127	1 00	" 157	100 00
" 128	25 00		

Total $1,131 00
Previously acknowledged 2,208 00

Total to Feb. 14th, 1905 ..... $3,339 00

JOSEPH N. SHENSTONE, *Treas.*

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